

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of California Water Service Company (U 60 W), a corporation, for an order authorizing it to increase rates charged for water service in the Redwood Valley District by \$566,100, or 78.3%, in 2003, by \$205,600, or 16.0% in 2004, by \$200,300, or 13.4%, in 2005, and by \$201,000, or 11.9% in 2006.

Application 02-11-020
(Filed November 8, 2002)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
SETTING ASIDE SUBMISSION, DIRECTING THE PARTIES
TO SERVE AN ADDITIONAL JOINT EXHIBIT,
AND SETTING A NEW SUBMISSION DATE**

A. Summary

This ruling sets aside the submission date of August 4, 2003, and directs the parties to tender two copies of a joint exhibit responding to the questions below to the undersigned Administrative Law Judge no later than November 7, 2003.¹ I will reserve Exhibit Number 14 for this late-filed exhibit. The matter will be resubmitted when the parties tender the joint exhibit with the required information.

¹ I anticipate that the parties would prepare this document in the same manner as they prepared Exhibit 13, the joint comparison exhibit.

B. Requested Information

I require the joint exhibit to include the following information:

- (1) A summary of earnings table for each individual area in the Redwood Valley District² with both the Coast Springs and Lucerne plants out of rate base.
- (2) Summary of earnings tables for the three areas recommended by applicants to receive separate rates (Lucerne; Coast Springs; and the remaining districts), with both of the Coast Springs and Lucerne plants out of rate base.
- (3) Summary of earnings tables, the first two types as described in Items 1 and 2 above, as well as an additional consolidated summary of earnings table (similar to that set forth in Exhibit 13, the joint comparison exhibit, Version 3, page 3), except that the \$194,300 pilot plan study money for the Rancho Del Paradiso & Noel Heights water treatment plant should be removed from rate base on all of the tables.
- (4) A copy of the rate design table previously provided as the last page of Exhibit 13 (the joint comparison exhibit), except that the \$194,300 pilot plan study money for the Rancho Del Paradiso & Noel Heights water treatment plant should be removed from rate base.
- (5) A comparison of 2004 average monthly customer rates with current customer rates for the three rate design proposals, with both the Coast Springs and Lucerne plants out of rate base. This chart should include a separate line item for surcharges.³ I also require a second scenario of this chart which excludes the \$194,300 figure discussed above from rate base.

² Lucerne, Coast Springs, Hawkins, Armstrong, Noel Heights and Rancho del Paradiso.

³ Intervenor Young included such a chart on page 12 of his opening brief. However, this chart is not evidence and it is unclear if the other parties agree with the calculations.

- (6) An updated comparison of the 2003 and 2004 annual revenue requirement per customer for each district, with and without surcharges, similar to the chart on Exhibit 52, page 4, as well as on page 2 of Intervenor Young's reply brief (except updated). I also require a second scenario of this chart which excludes the \$194,300 figure discussed above from rate base.
- (7) A statement of the estimated project completion dates for the Lucerne and Coast Springs water treatment plants assuming Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan approval. For each plant, would any repayment of the loan be due prior to the plant's completion? If so, what types of repayments would be due (i.e. principal; interest, etc.) and when would they be due?
- (8) The assumptions used for each category listed in Appendix A to this ruling that underlie the following six summary of earnings tables: (a) The summary of earnings table for a combined district excluding the treatment plants (Exhibit 13, Version 3, page 3), and (b) the summary of earnings tables requested in questions 1 through 3 above.

IT IS RULED that:

1. The August 4, 2003 submission date is set aside to receive the information required by this ruling into the record.
2. The parties shall tender two copies of a joint exhibit responding to this ruling to the assigned Administrative Law Judge no later than November 7, 2003.
3. The case will be submitted upon receipt of the requested information which is currently due on November 7, 2003.

Dated October 14, 2003 at San Francisco, California.

/s/ JANET E. ECONOME

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Administrative Law Judge

APPENDIX A

1. Adopted¹ water production in Kccf.
2. Adopted power consumption in KWHs.
3. Adopted percentage of water loss.
4. Adopted amount of purchased water.
5. Adopted amount of well water.
6. Number of flat rate and metered customers
7. Amount of water sale to the metered customers.
8. Average number of metered and flat rate services (customers) for all categories (residential, commercial, public authority, irrigation, etc.)

¹ By “adopted”, I mean the assumptions underlying the numbers used in the tables that are agreed to by the parties.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail, and by electronic mail to the parties to which an electronic mail address has been provided, this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Setting Aside Submission, Directing The Parties To Serve An Additional Joint Exhibit, And Setting A New Submission Date on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated October 14, 2003, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ JANET V. ALVIAR

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